

Senate File 344 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to motor vehicles approaching stationary
- 2 garbage or recycling collection vehicles, and making a
- 3 penalty applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.323A, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The operator of a motor vehicle
4 approaching a stationary garbage or recycling collection
5 vehicle shall approach the vehicle with due caution and shall
6 proceed in one of the following manners, absent any other
7 direction by a peace officer:

8 a. Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the
9 garbage or recycling collection vehicle if possible in the
10 existing safety and traffic conditions.

11 b. If a lane change under paragraph "a" would be impossible,
12 prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor
13 vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road
14 and traffic conditions, which speed shall be less than the
15 posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires the operator of a motor vehicle
20 approaching a stationary garbage or recycling collection
21 vehicle to approach the vehicle with due caution and to make
22 a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the garbage or
23 recycling collection vehicle if possible in the existing
24 safety and traffic conditions, or if a lane change would be
25 impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed
26 of the vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the
27 existing road and traffic conditions, which speed must be
28 less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.
29 These requirements exist under current law for motor vehicles
30 approaching stationary authorized emergency vehicles, towing
31 or recovery vehicles, utility maintenance vehicles, municipal
32 maintenance vehicles, and highway maintenance vehicles.

33 A violation of the bill is punishable by a scheduled fine of
34 \$100. In addition, a person convicted of a violation resulting
35 in an accident causing property damage may be subject to the

1 suspension of the person's driver's license for 90 days. A
2 person convicted of a violation resulting in an accident
3 causing bodily injury to another person may be subject to a
4 fine of \$500 and suspension of the person's driver's license
5 for 180 days. A person convicted of a violation resulting in
6 an accident causing the death of another person may be subject
7 to a fine of \$1,000 and suspension of the person's driver's
8 license for one year.